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DEMOCRATS MAD AT WHITE HOUSE USE OF NICARAGUA PAPER
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Congressional Democrats are still angry over White House use of a secret document outlining an alleged Nicaraguan government "disinformation" campaign even though the Reagan administration has shelved plans to release the paper.

"It's slur and run," Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., said Thursday of CIA Director William J. Casey's distribution of the document last week to some members of Congress.

"It makes public vague accusations but withholds the evidence supporting those accusations," Bonior said. "It makes suspect every individual who opposes the Contra war but denies those who are affected a chance to respond."

Casey showed the intercepted Nicaraguan government document to members of Congress as the White House launched its lobbying drive to win \$100 million in aid for Contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

The administration vowed to release a declassified version this week, but reversed itself in face of criticism from Capitol Hill that it was using intelligence information for partisan political gain.

Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., Senate Intelligence Committee chairman who last week denounced administration plans to release the document, called the reversal "a very wise decision."

But Democrats said the White House suggestion that opposition to Contra aid was being manipulated by the Nicaraguan government never should have been made in the first place.

Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., said the White House claim of a "disinformation campaign ... is an insult both to our intelligence and our patriotism. If there is a lack of information, it is in the White House."

But Rep. Robert Dornan, R-Calif., one of the congressmen shown the document, again denounced the alleged "disinformation program hatched in Havana and the Kremlin ... disinformation that involves everything from using the Phil Donahue show to encouraging naive nuns and priests and ministers ... to sit in in the offices of congressmen ... to have a perfectly orchestrated campaign of propaganda down to what slogans should be used on the signs."

One administration official, insisting on anonymity, said the Sandinista document was being withheld because an intelligence source would be jeopardized if it were released in full and because a "sanitized" version would appear so weak that the press would "scuff at it."

The official said that in the document, Sandinista leaders assess the prospects for Congress resuming military aid to the Contras and discuss drawing attention to the rebels' human rights abuses.

Meanwhile, Alvaro Baldizon, a defector from the Nicaraguan Interior Ministry, said that since 1981 the Sandinista government has used special military units dressed as Contras to commit atrocities that could then be blamed on the U.S.-backed rebels.

But Baldizon, who works for the rebels' human rights commission, provided no details about the alleged atrocities. Baldizon, who defected last July and has made repeated charges of Sandinista abuses, said he had never before mentioned these operations.

In another development, a conservative group, the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty, announced plans for a \$2 million pro-Contra lobbying campaign, including \$1.2 million in television commercials.